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SETTING UP OF POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post and Telegraph Offices set up and closed during the last three years, as on date in the country,State-wise;

(b) the number of Post and Telegraph offices functioning in the country at present, State-wise;

(c) the number of villages in which Postal and Telegraph services are not being provided, State-wise;

(d) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Government to provide Post and Telegraph facilities in all the villages of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) During the last three years, 16 new Post Offices and one Telecom Centre were opened in the country. Details of Post Offices and Telegraph Offices opened and closed during the last three years (year-wise) are enclosed at Annexures 'A' to 'E'.

(b) State/Circle-wise details of Post Offices and Telegraph Offices functioning in the country are available at Annexures 'F' and 'G'.

(c),(d)&(e) Postal facilities in terms of regular delivery of mail at the doorstep of every customer, collection of letters from letterboxes and selling of stamps/stationery is provided by the Department of Posts in every village. Telegraph services are available for all villages. Telegrams can be booked on phone by dialing 1585 from any BSNL telephone as well as from local/STD PCOs. Telegrams are delivered through telegraph messengers/post in all parts of the country including villages.As regards telephone facilities, there is a scheme of Village Public Telephone (VPT) facility under which 53073 villages have already been covered.